

# Delicate, a study of structural change in ten-coordinated La(III), Ce(III), Pr(III), Nd(III), Sm(III) and Eu(III) sulfates

## Supporting Information

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## 1. Crystals

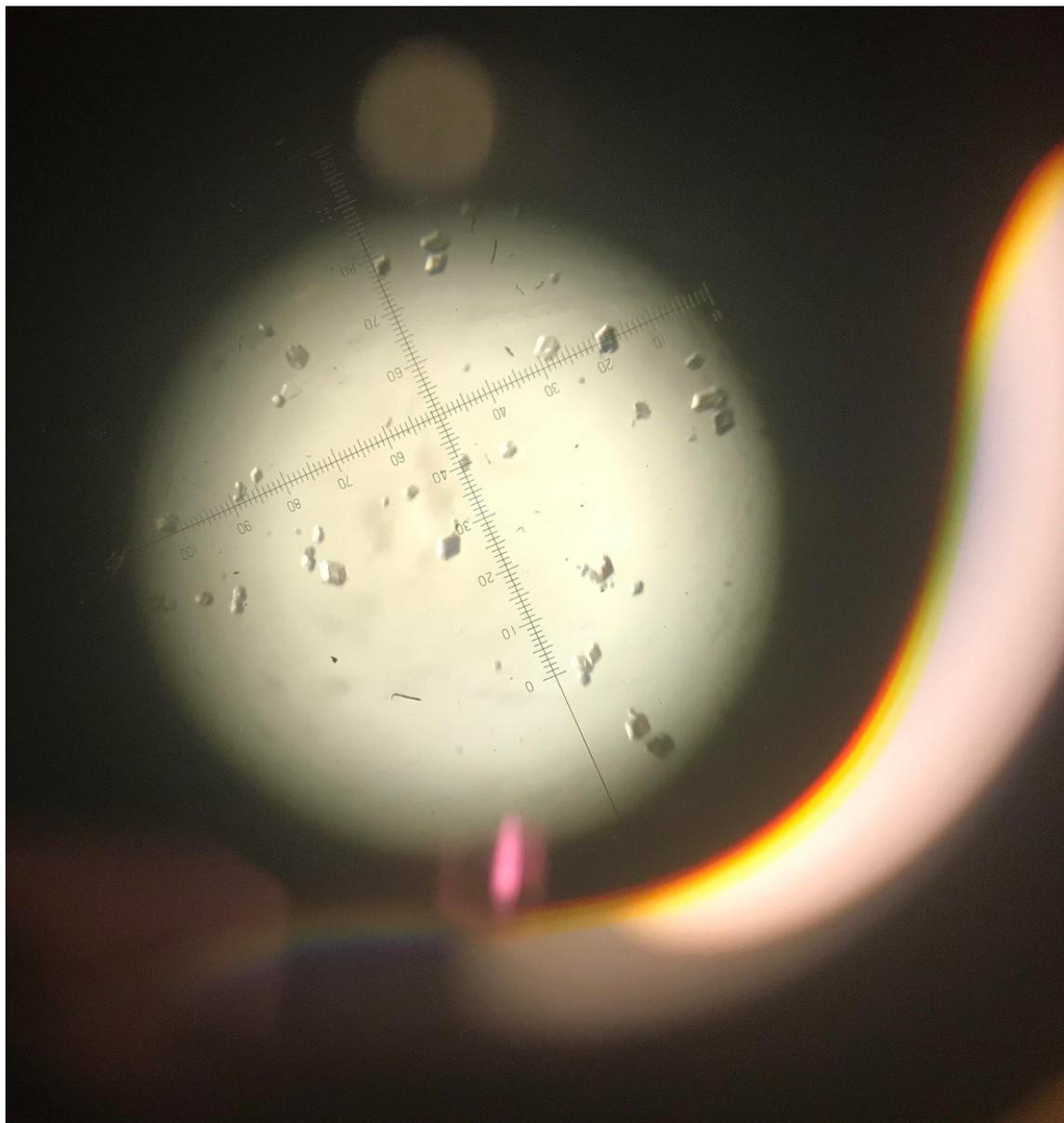


Figure S1.  $K_6[Pr_2(SO_4)_6]$  crystal. The picture is taken through a microscope.

## 2. Crystallographic Information

The crystals  $\text{K}_5\text{Na}[\text{Ce}_2(\text{SO}_4)_6]$  (ICSD: 281576) and  $\text{K}_5\text{Na}[\text{Eu}_2(\text{SO}_4)_6]$  (CCDC: 2070452) were published elsewhere.<sup>1,2</sup>

Empirical formula	$\text{La}_2\text{K}_6\text{O}_{24}\text{S}_6$	$\text{Ce}_2\text{K}_6\text{O}_{24}\text{S}_6$	$\text{Pr}_2\text{K}_6\text{O}_{24}\text{S}_6$	$\text{Nd}_2\text{K}_5\text{NaO}_{24}\text{S}_6$	$\text{Sm}_2\text{K}_5\text{NaO}_{24}\text{S}_6$
Formula weight	1088.78	1091.20	1092.78	1083.33	1095.55
Temperature/K	100	100	100	100	100
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic
Space group	C2/m	C2/m	C2/m	C2/m	C2/m
a/Å	9.2182(6)	9.1884(7)	9.168 (3)	9.1404 (6)	9.1152 (6)
b/Å	16.3683(9)	16.3639(13)	16.317 (5)	16.2841 (11)	16.1688 (10)
c/Å	7.7108(4)	7.6768(6)	7.651 (2)	7.6453 (5)	7.6393 (4)
$\beta/^\circ$	111.243(2)	111.324(3)	111.04 (3)	110.991 (2)	110.639 (2)
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	1084.40(11)	1075.25(15)	1071.4 (2)	1062.43 (12)	1053.63 (11)
Z	2	2	2	2	2
$\rho_{\text{calc}}/\text{cm}^3$	3.334	3.370	3.398	3.386	3.453
$\mu/\text{mm}^{-1}$	5.731	6.040	6.379	6.539	7.239
F(000)	1032.0	1036.0	1040.0	1028.0	1036.0
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.165 × 0.151 × 0.094	0.196 × 0.175 × 0.078	0.238 × 0.212 × 0.07	0.188 × 0.096 × 0.082	0.116 × 0.087 × 0.068
Radiation	MoK $\alpha$ ( $\lambda = 0.71073$ )				
2 $\theta$ range for data collection/ $^\circ$	4.978 to 71.258	4.978 to 54.96	4.992 to 72.83	5.004 to 72.624	5.038 to 72.63
Index ranges	-15 ≤ h ≤ 15, -26 ≤ k ≤ 26, -12 ≤ l ≤ 12	-11 ≤ h ≤ 9, -21 ≤ k ≤ 21, -9 ≤ l ≤ 9	-15 ≤ h ≤ 15, -27 ≤ k ≤ 27, -12 ≤ l ≤ 12	-15 ≤ h ≤ 11, -27 ≤ k ≤ 27, -12 ≤ l ≤ 12	-15 ≤ h ≤ 15, -26 ≤ k ≤ 25, -11 ≤ l ≤ 12
Reflections collected	21705	13325	16671	21714	21452
Independent reflections	2580 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0326, R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0181]	1277 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0591, R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0266]	2678 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0444, R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0287]	2653 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0509, R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0289]	2632 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0653, R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0347]
Data/restraints/parameters	2580/0/95	1277/0/102	2678/0/102	2653/0/102	2632/0/95
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.144	1.135	1.122	1.099	1.096
Final R indexes [I ≥ 2σ (I)]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0226, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0652	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0250, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0702	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0233, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0628	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0265, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0650	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0202, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0475
Final R indexes [all data]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0252, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0664	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0266, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0708	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0265, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0639	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0319, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0672	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0250, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0489
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup>	2.63/-3.36	0.84/-1.11	2.01/-2.16	5.44/-1.97	0.94/-1.29

### CCDC numbers:

$\text{K}_6[\text{La}_2(\text{SO}_4)_6]$ : 2142173,  $\text{K}_6[\text{Ce}_2(\text{SO}_4)_6]$ : 2150608,  $\text{K}_6[\text{Pr}_2(\text{SO}_4)_6]$ : 2142174,  $\text{K}_5\text{Na}[\text{Nd}_2(\text{SO}_4)_6]$ : 2142177,  $\text{K}_5\text{Na}[\text{Sm}_2(\text{SO}_4)_6]$ : 2142178

### 3. Powder X-ray Diffractogram

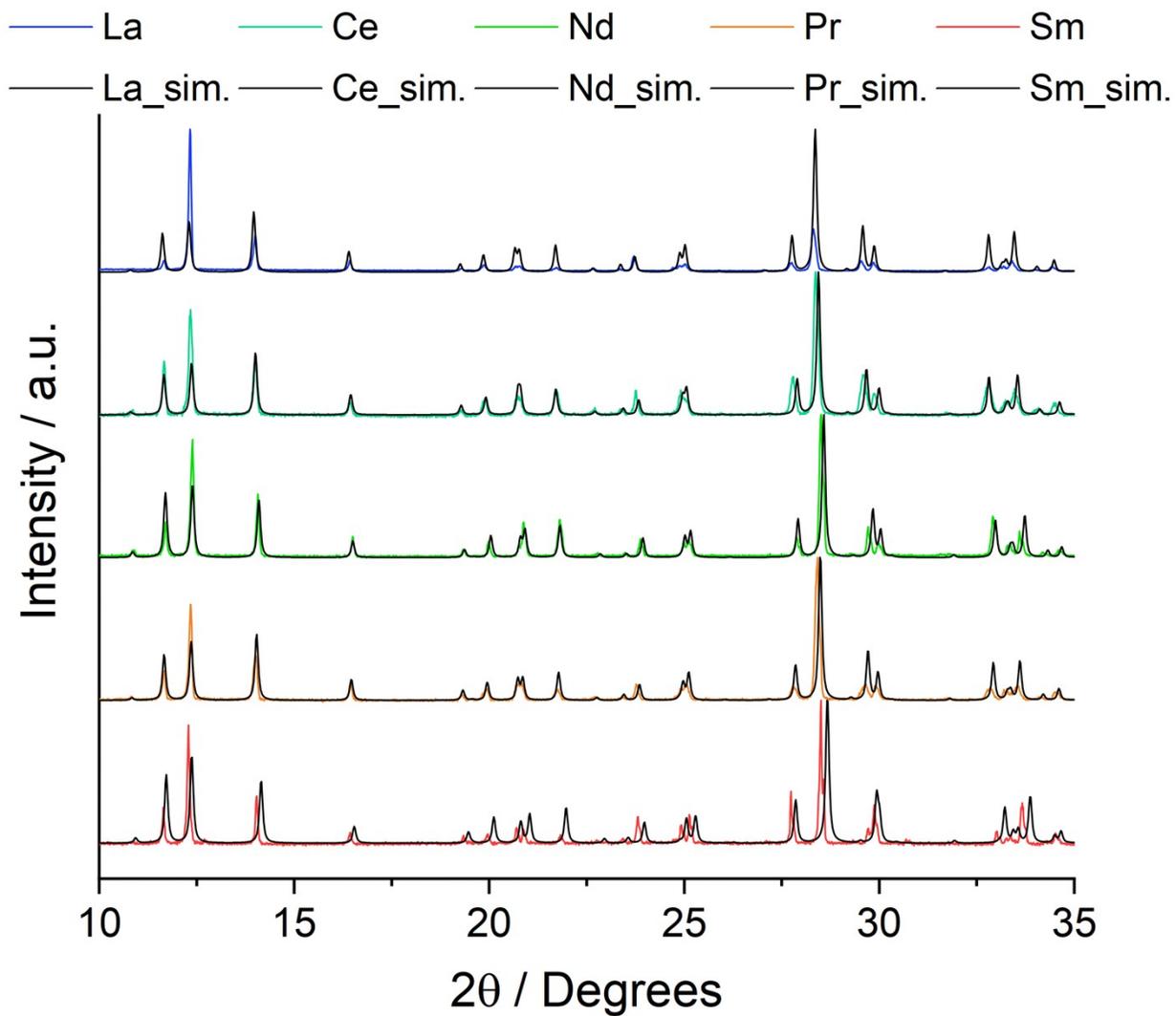


Figure S2. Powder X-ray diffractograms of  $K_6Na[Ln_2(SO_4)_6]$  ( $Ln = La, Ce, Pr$ ) and  $K_5Na[Ln_2(SO_4)_6]$  ( $Ln = Nd, Sm$ )

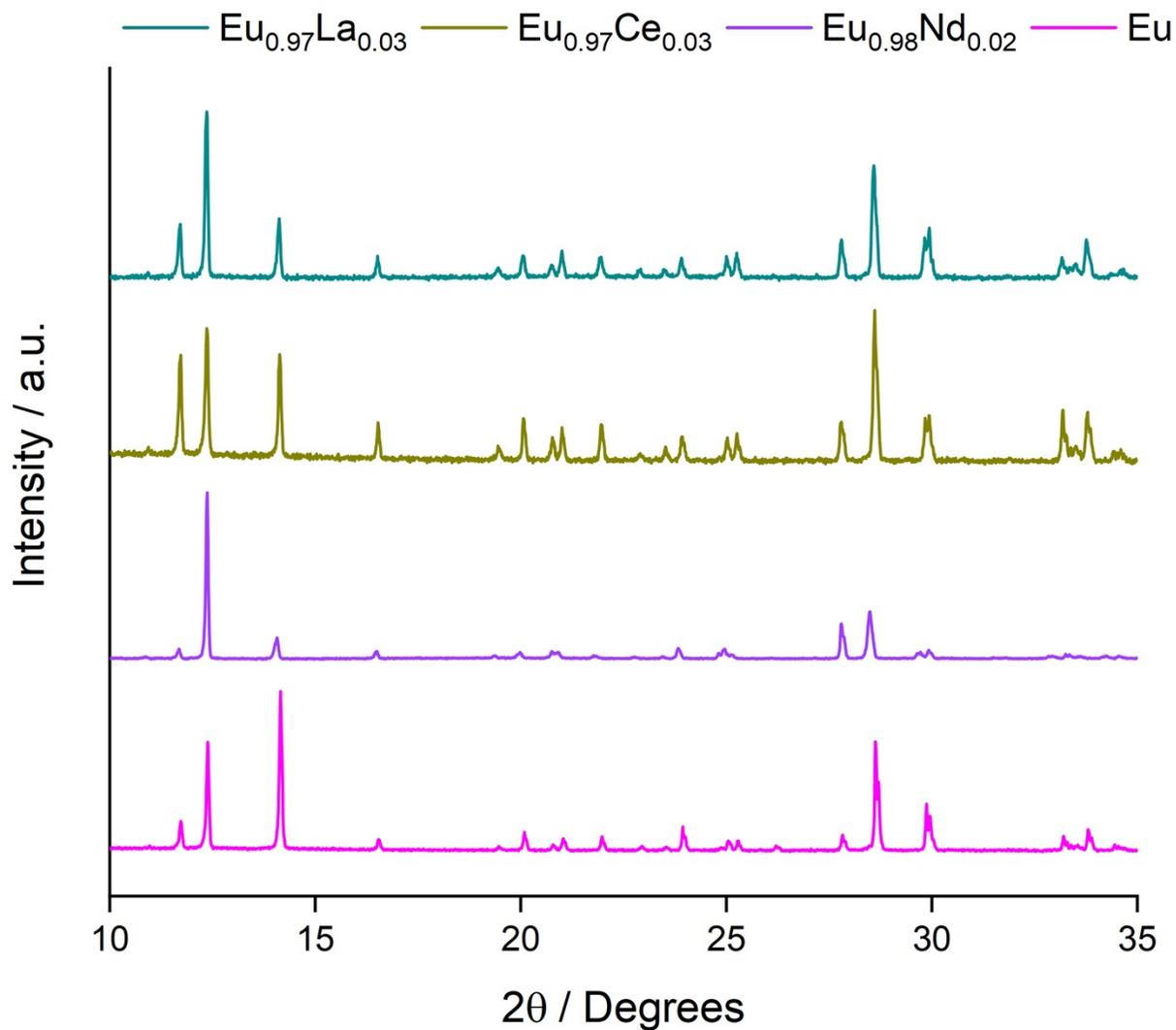


Figure S3. Powder X-ray diffractograms of  $\text{K}_5\text{Na}[(\text{Eu}_{0.97}\text{La}_{0.03})_2(\text{SO}_4)_6]$ ,  $\text{K}_5\text{Na}[(\text{Eu}_{0.97}\text{Ce}_{0.03})_2(\text{SO}_4)_6]$ ,  $\text{K}_5\text{Na}[(\text{Eu}_{0.98}\text{Nd}_{0.02})_2(\text{SO}_4)_6]$  and  $\text{K}_5\text{Na}[\text{Eu}_2(\text{SO}_4)_6]$ .

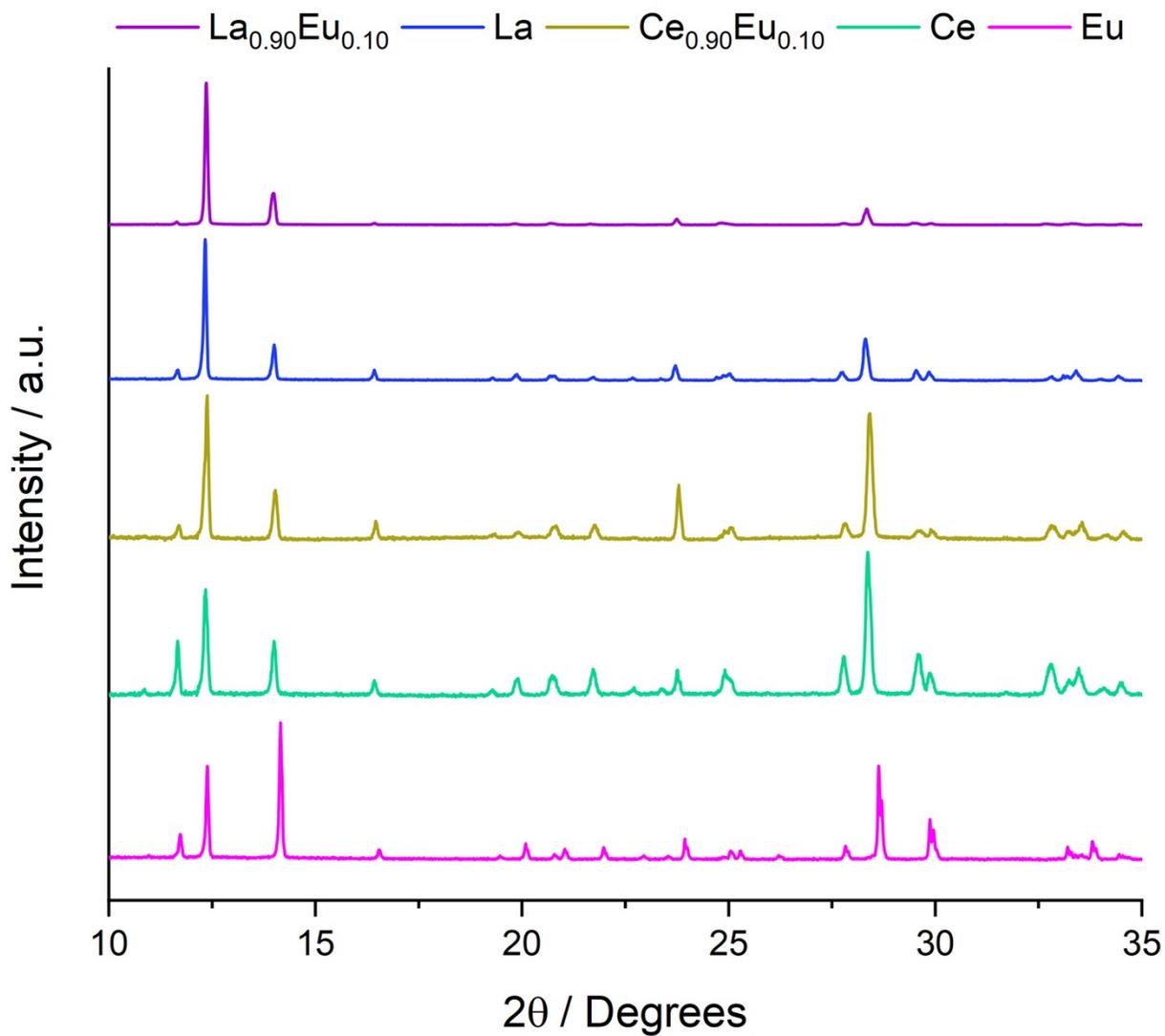


Figure S4. . Powder X-ray diffractograms of,  $\text{K}_6[(\text{La}_{0.90}\text{Eu}_{0.10})_2(\text{SO}_4)_6]$ ,  $\text{K}_6[\text{La}_2(\text{SO}_4)_6]$ ,  $\text{K}_6[(\text{Ce}_{0.90}\text{Eu}_{0.10})_2(\text{SO}_4)_6]$ ,  $\text{K}_6\text{Ce}_2(\text{SO}_4)_6$  and  $\text{K}_5\text{Na}[\text{Eu}_2(\text{SO}_4)_6]$ .

#### 4. X-ray fluorescence spectroscopy

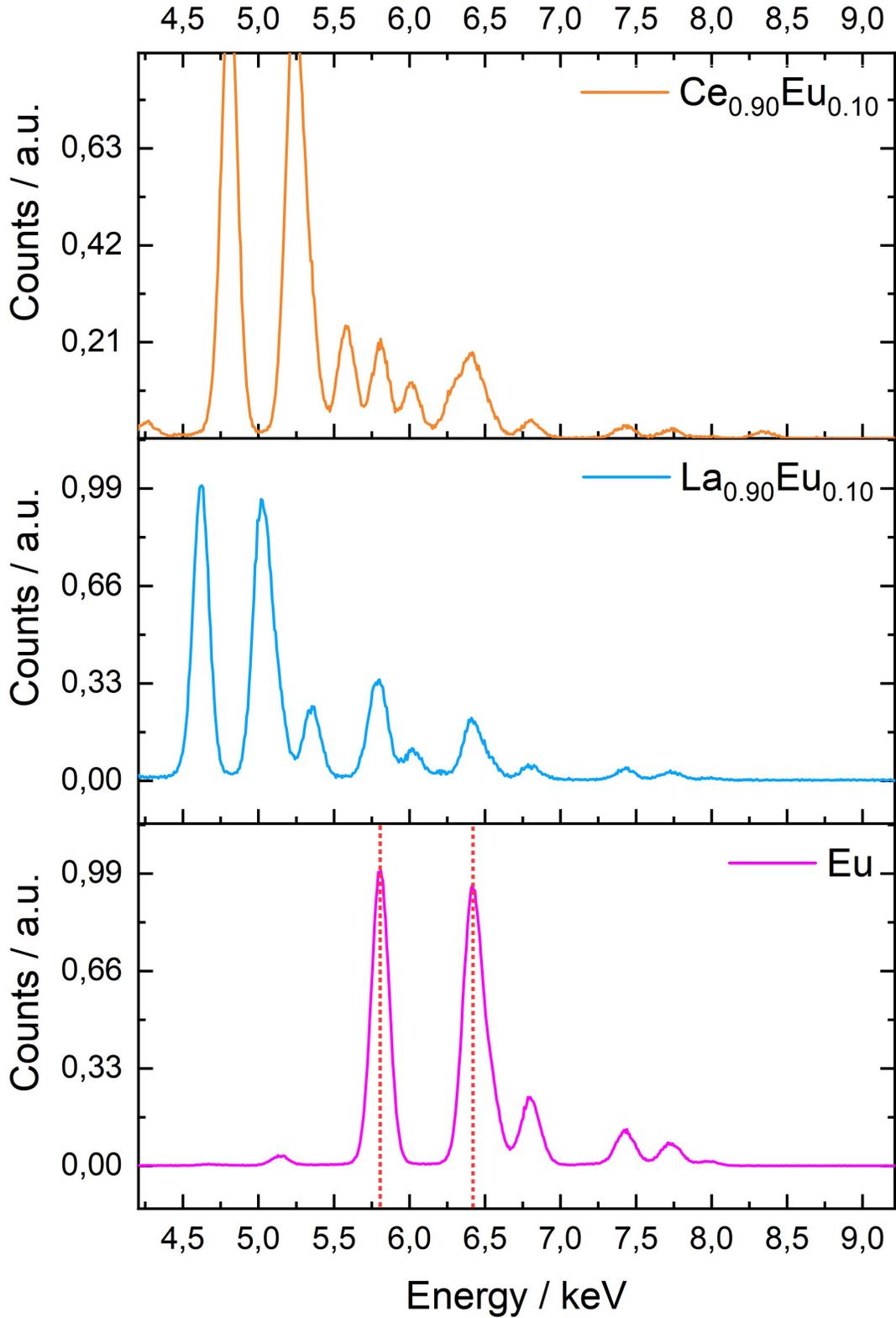


Figure S5. X-ray fluorescence spectrum of  $\text{K}_6[(\text{La}_{0.90}\text{Eu}_{0.10})_2(\text{SO}_4)_6]$ ,  $\text{K}_6[(\text{Ce}_{0.90}\text{Eu}_{0.10})_2(\text{SO}_4)_6]$ , and  $\text{K}_5\text{Na}[\text{Eu}_2(\text{SO}_4)_6]$  powders.

## 5. Time-resolved emission decay profiles

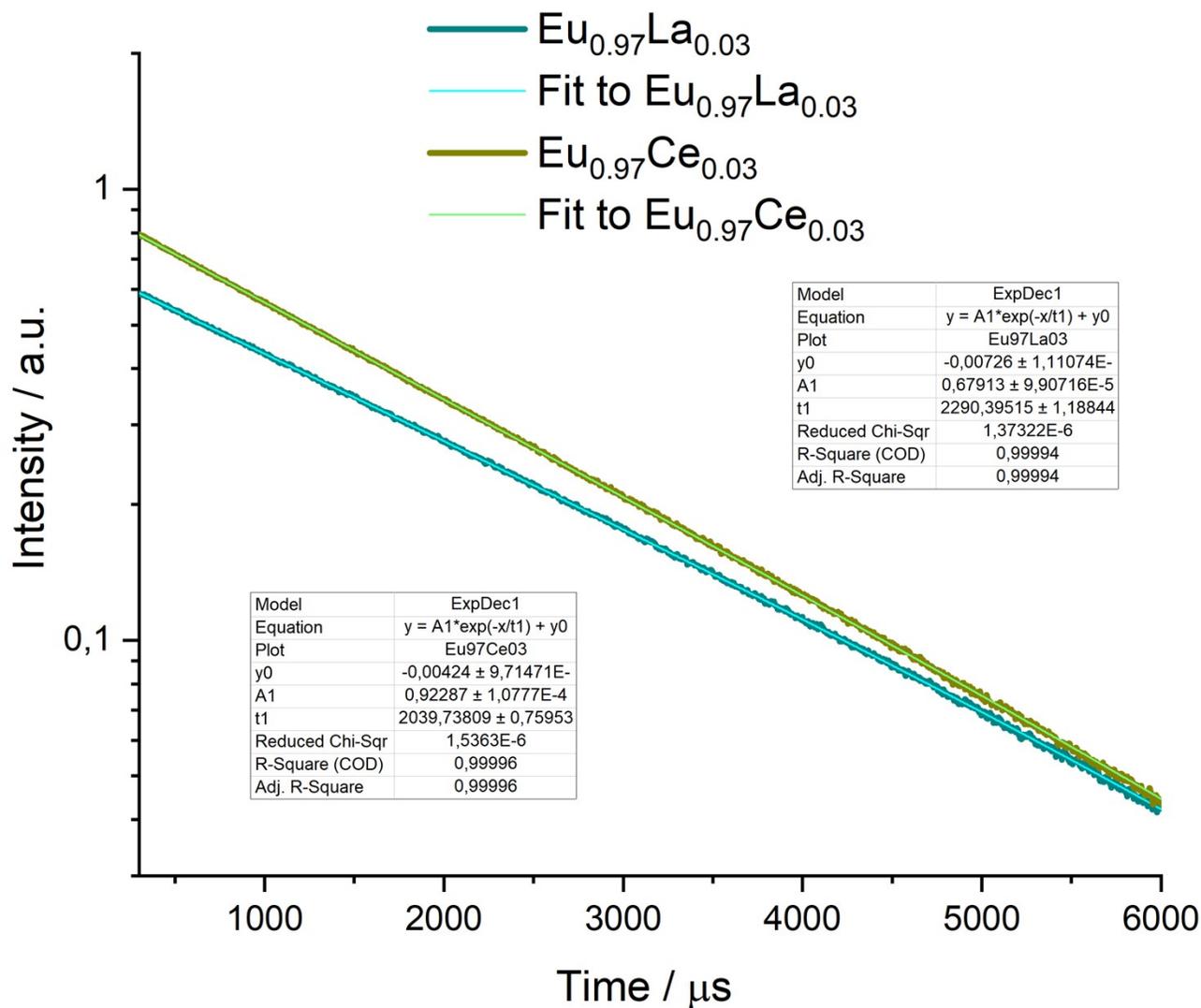


Figure S6. Time resolved decay profiles of  $\text{K}_5\text{Na}[(\text{Eu}_{0.97}\text{La}_{0.03})_2(\text{SO}_4)_6]$  and  $\text{K}_5\text{Na}[(\text{Eu}_{0.97}\text{Ce}_{0.03})_2(\text{SO}_4)_6]$  powders recorded in dimethyl tetrahydrofuran glass at 77K.

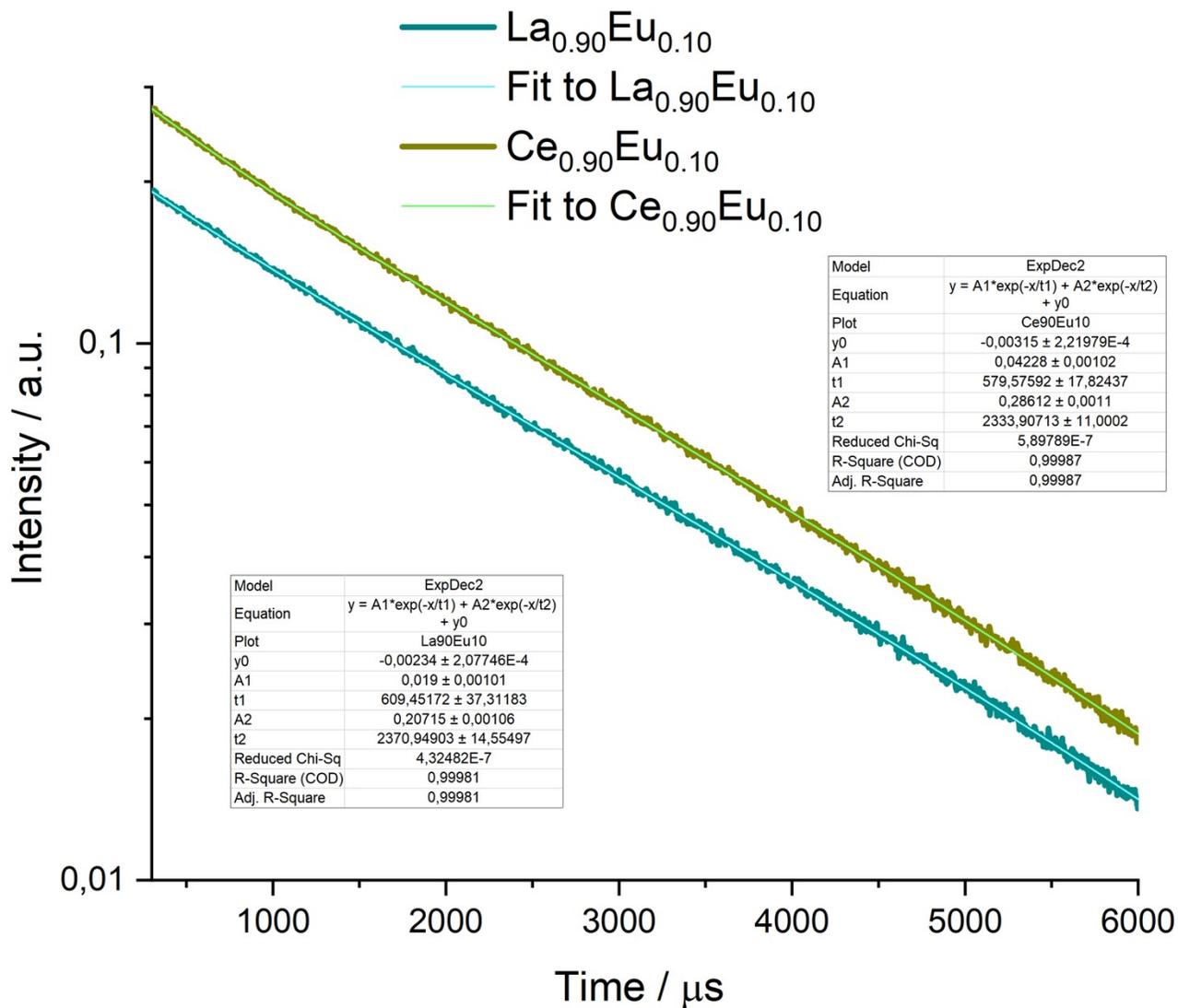


Figure S7. Time resolved decay profiles of  $\text{K}_6[(\text{La}_{0.90}\text{Eu}_{0.10})_2(\text{SO}_4)_6]$  and  $\text{K}_6[(\text{Ce}_{0.90}\text{Eu}_{0.10})_2(\text{SO}_4)_6]$  powders recorded in dimethyl tetrahydrofuran glass at 77K.

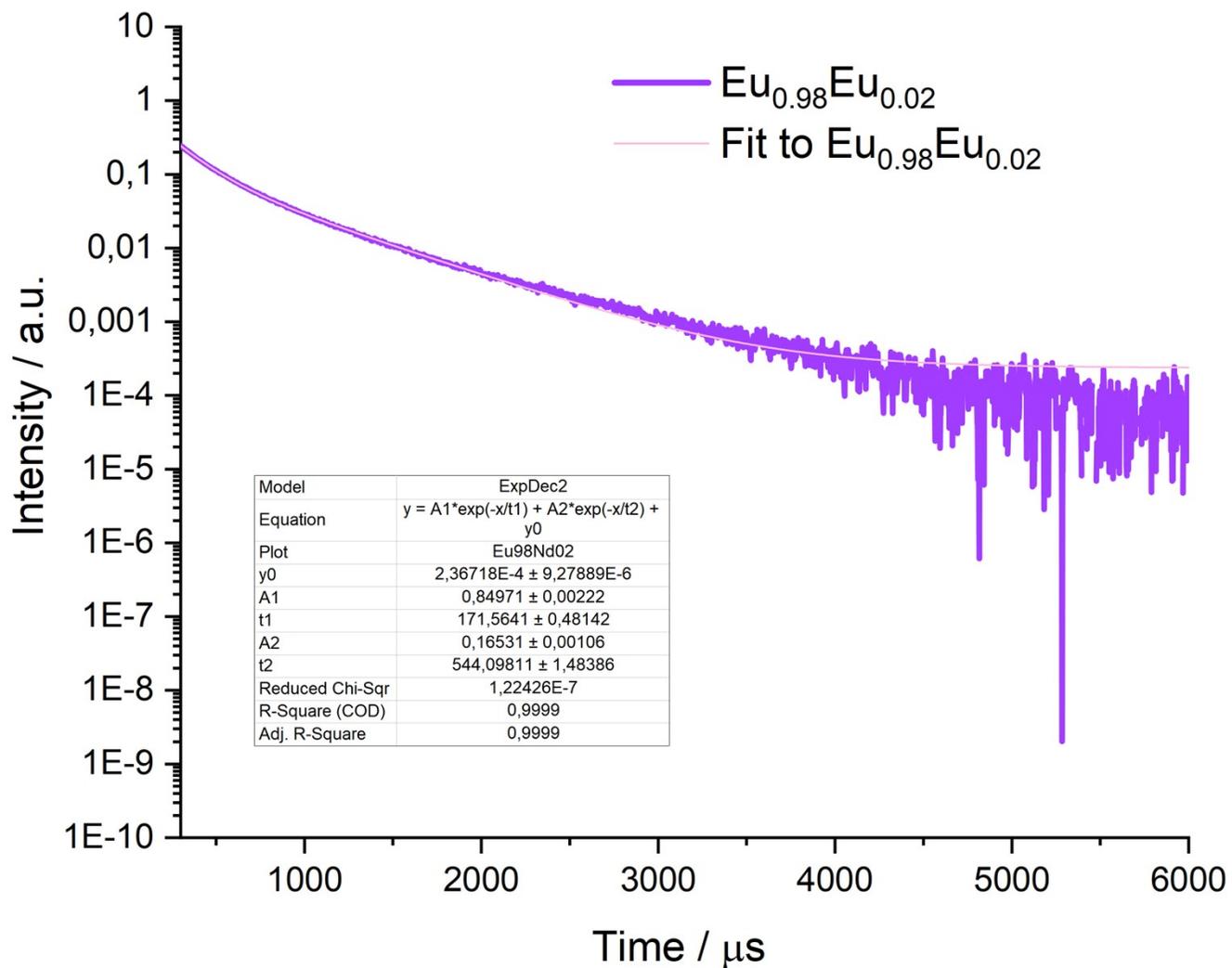


Figure S8. Time resolved decay profiles of  $K_5Na[(Eu_{0,98}Nd_{0,02})_2(SO_4)_6]$  powders recorded in dimethyl tetrahydrofuran glass at 77K.

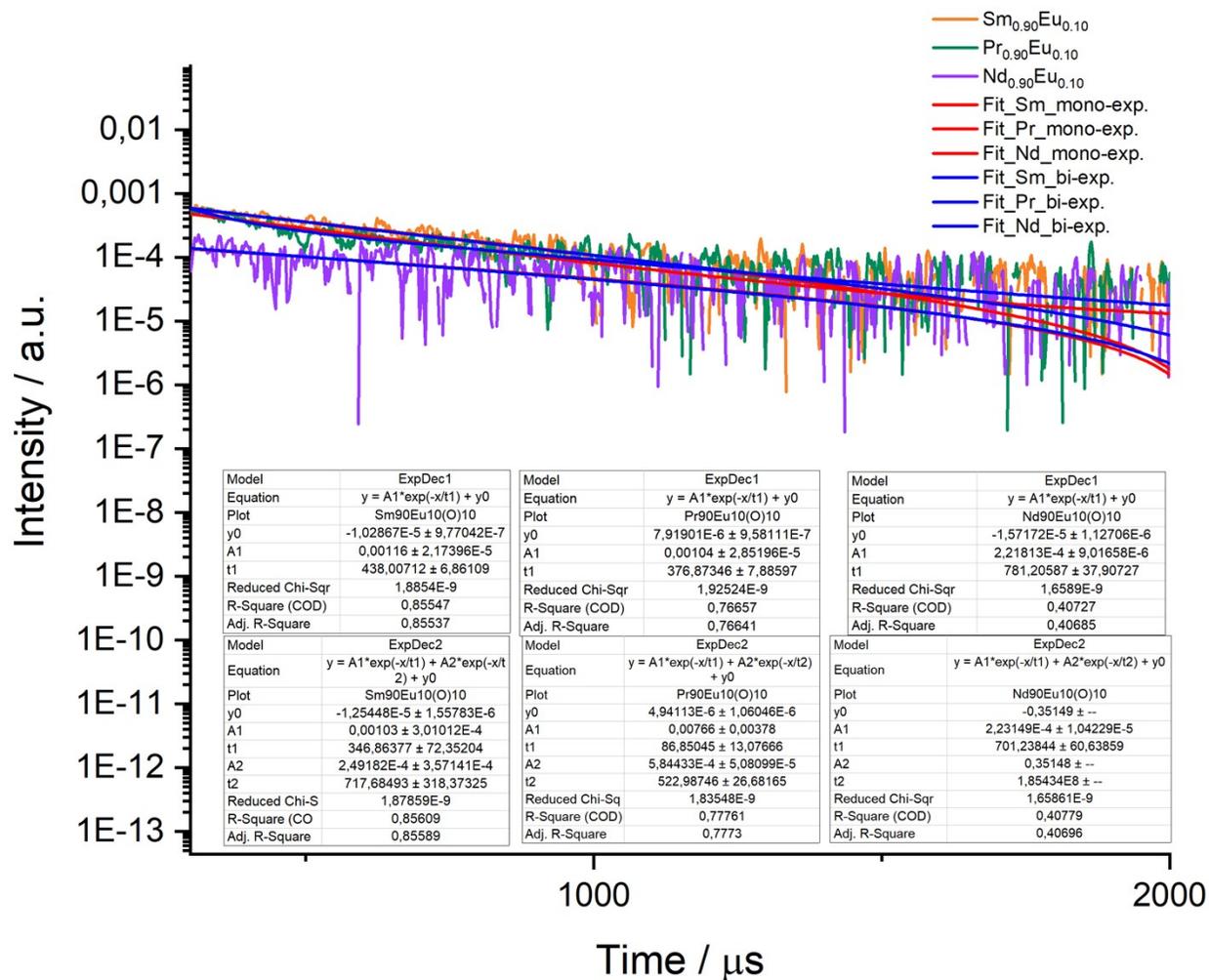


Figure S9. Time resolved decay profiles of  $K_5Na[(Sm_{0.90}Eu_{0.10})_2(SO_4)_6]$ ,  $K_5Na[(Pr_{0.90}Eu_{0.10})_2(SO_4)_6]$  and  $K_5Na[(Nd_{0.90}Eu_{0.10})_2(SO_4)_6]$  powders recorded in dimethyl tetrahydrofuran glass at 77K.

## 6. Excitation spectra

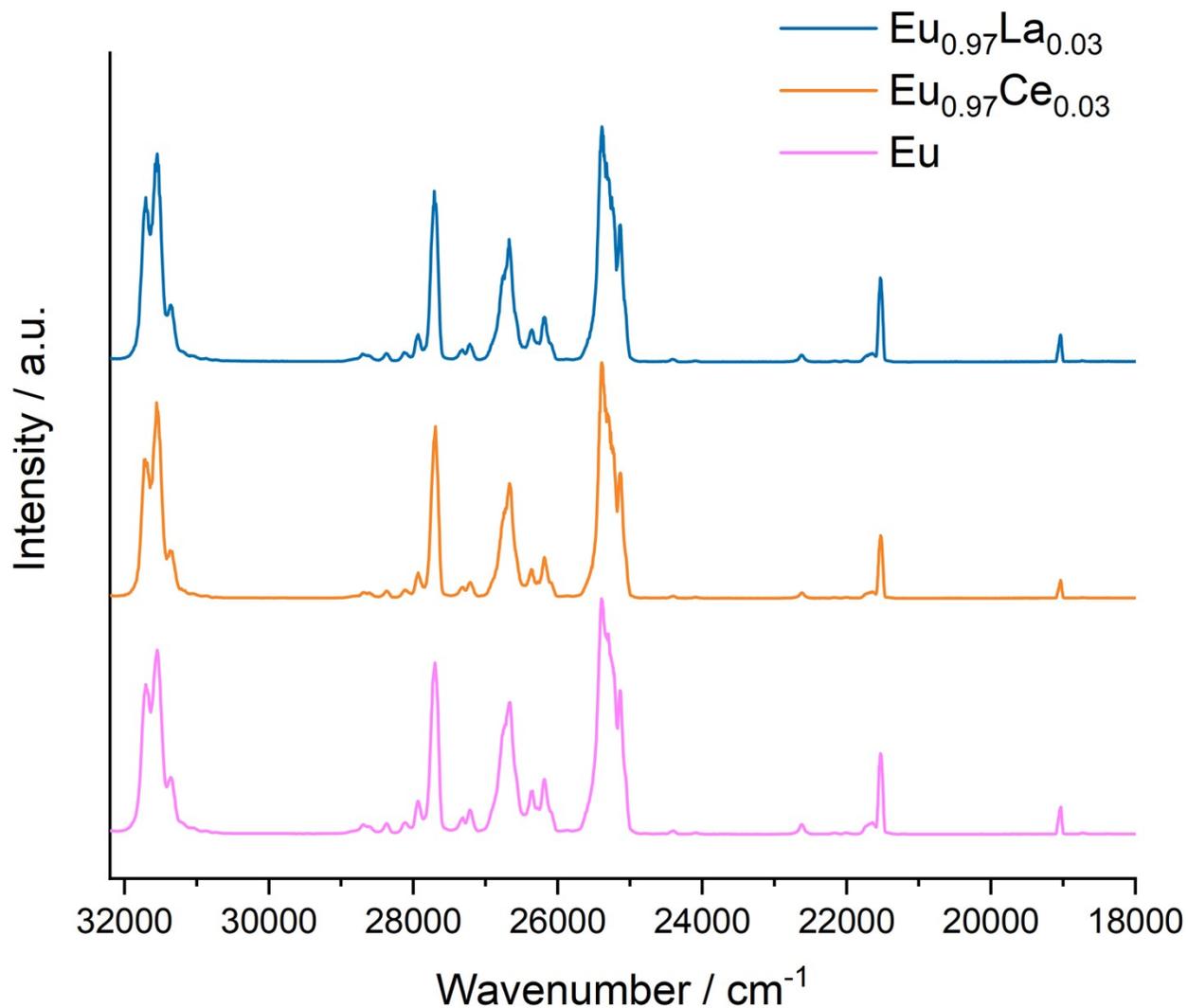


Figure S10. Normalized excitation spectra (em. 614 nm) of  $\text{K}_5\text{Na}[(\text{Eu}_{0.97}\text{La}_{0.03})_2(\text{SO}_4)_6]$ ,  $\text{K}_5\text{Na}[(\text{Eu}_{0.97}\text{Ce}_{0.03})_2(\text{SO}_4)_6]$  and  $\text{K}_5\text{Na}[\text{Eu}_2(\text{SO}_4)_6]$  powders in dimethyl tetrahydrofuran glass at 77K. Excitation slit = 1, 1.5, 1 nm.

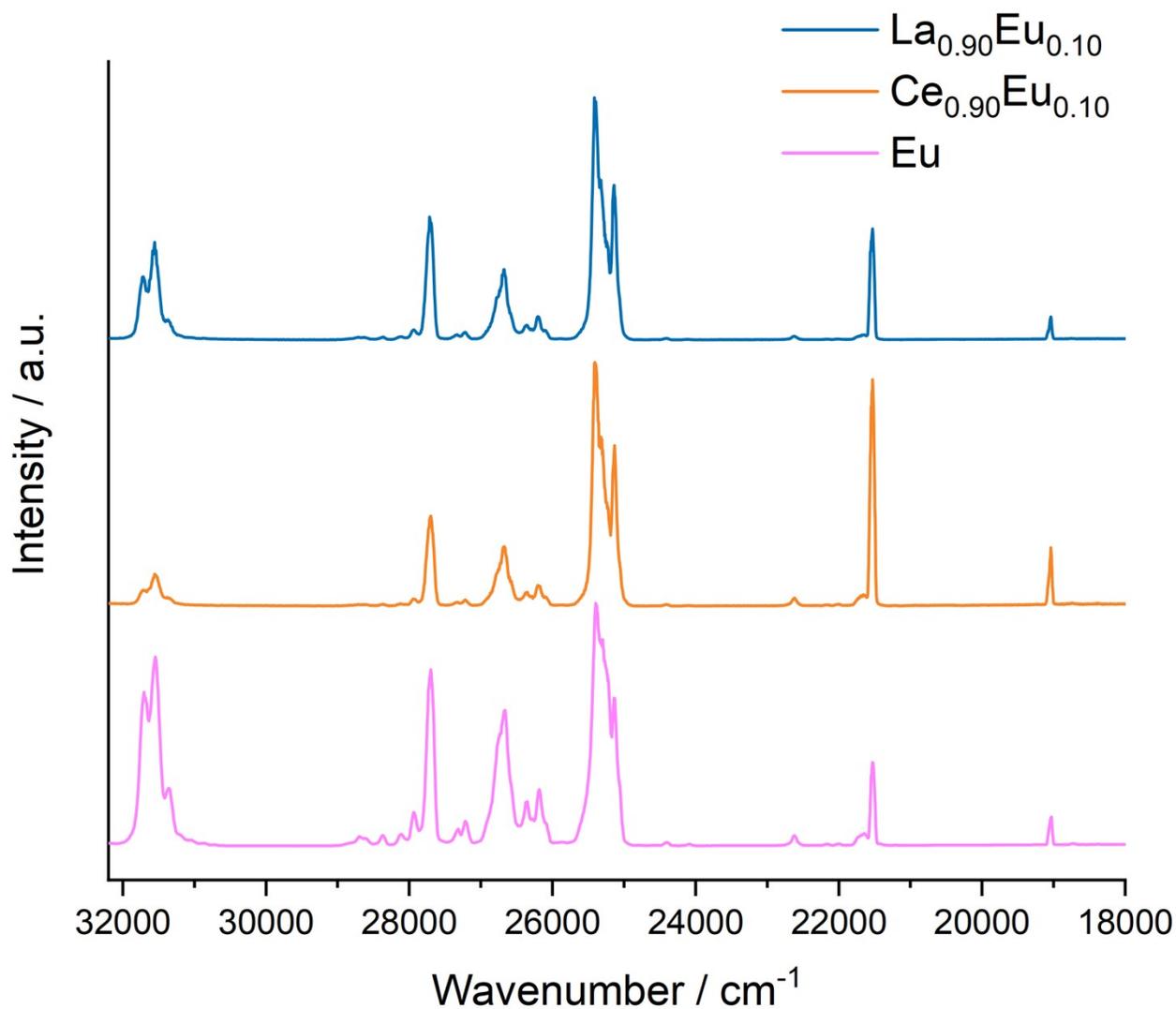


Figure S11. Normalized excitation spectra (em. 614 nm) of  $\text{K}_6[(\text{La}_{0.90}\text{Eu}_{0.10})_2(\text{SO}_4)_6]$ ,  $\text{K}_6[(\text{Ce}_{0.90}\text{Eu}_{0.10})_2(\text{SO}_4)_6]$  and  $\text{K}_5\text{Na}[\text{Eu}_2(\text{SO}_4)_6]$  powders in dimethyl tetrahydrofuran glass at 77K. Excitation slit = 1, 1.5, 1 nm.

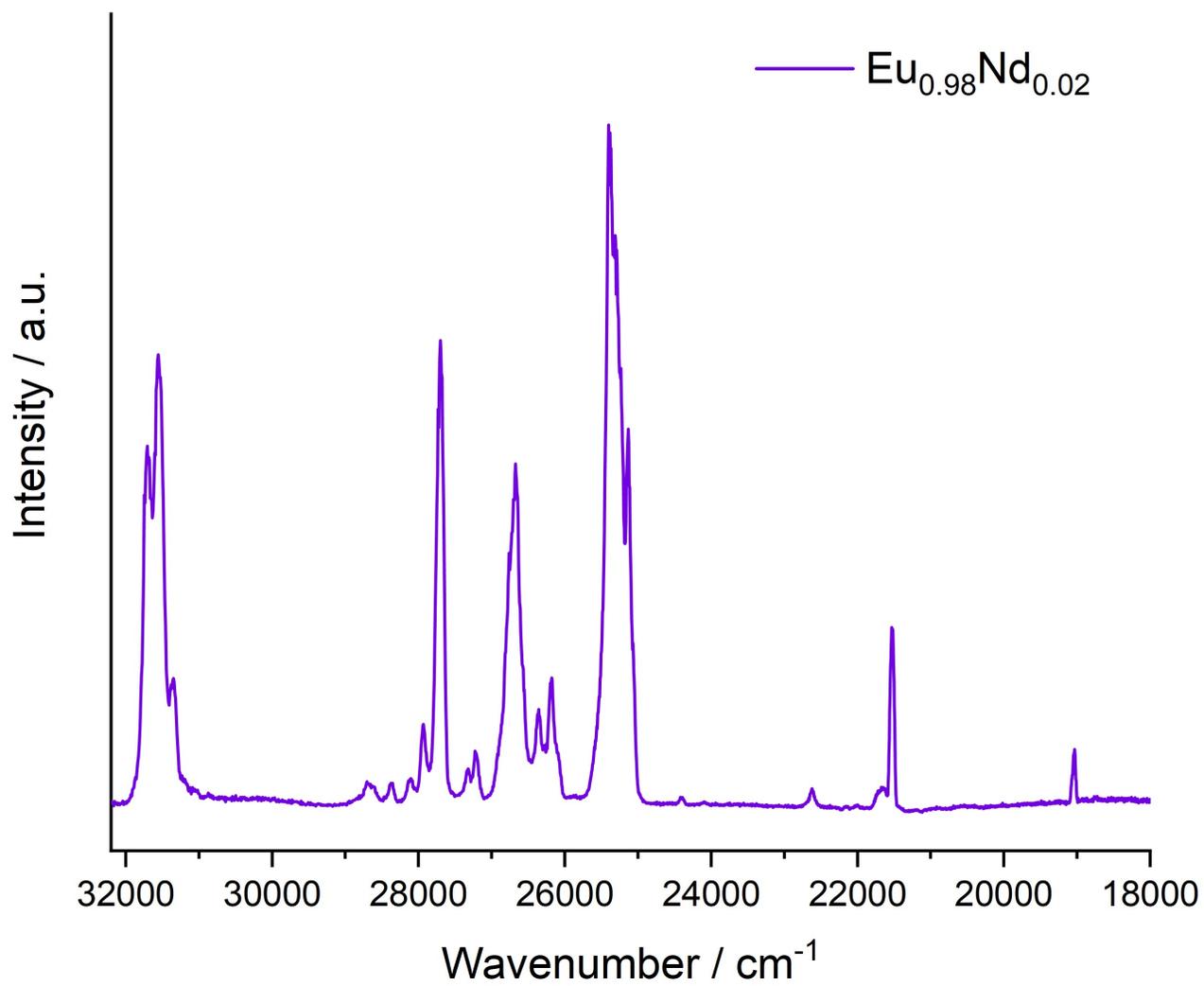


Figure S12. Normalized excitation spectra (em. 614 nm) of  $\text{K}_5\text{Na}[(\text{Eu}_{0.98}\text{Nd}_{0.02})_2(\text{SO}_4)_6]$  powders in dimethyl tetrahydrofuran glass at 77K. Excitation slit = 1, 1.5, 1 nm.

7. Emission spectrum  $\text{K}_5\text{Na}[(\text{Eu}_{0.98}\text{Nd}_{0.02})_2(\text{SO}_4)_6]$  – Long range

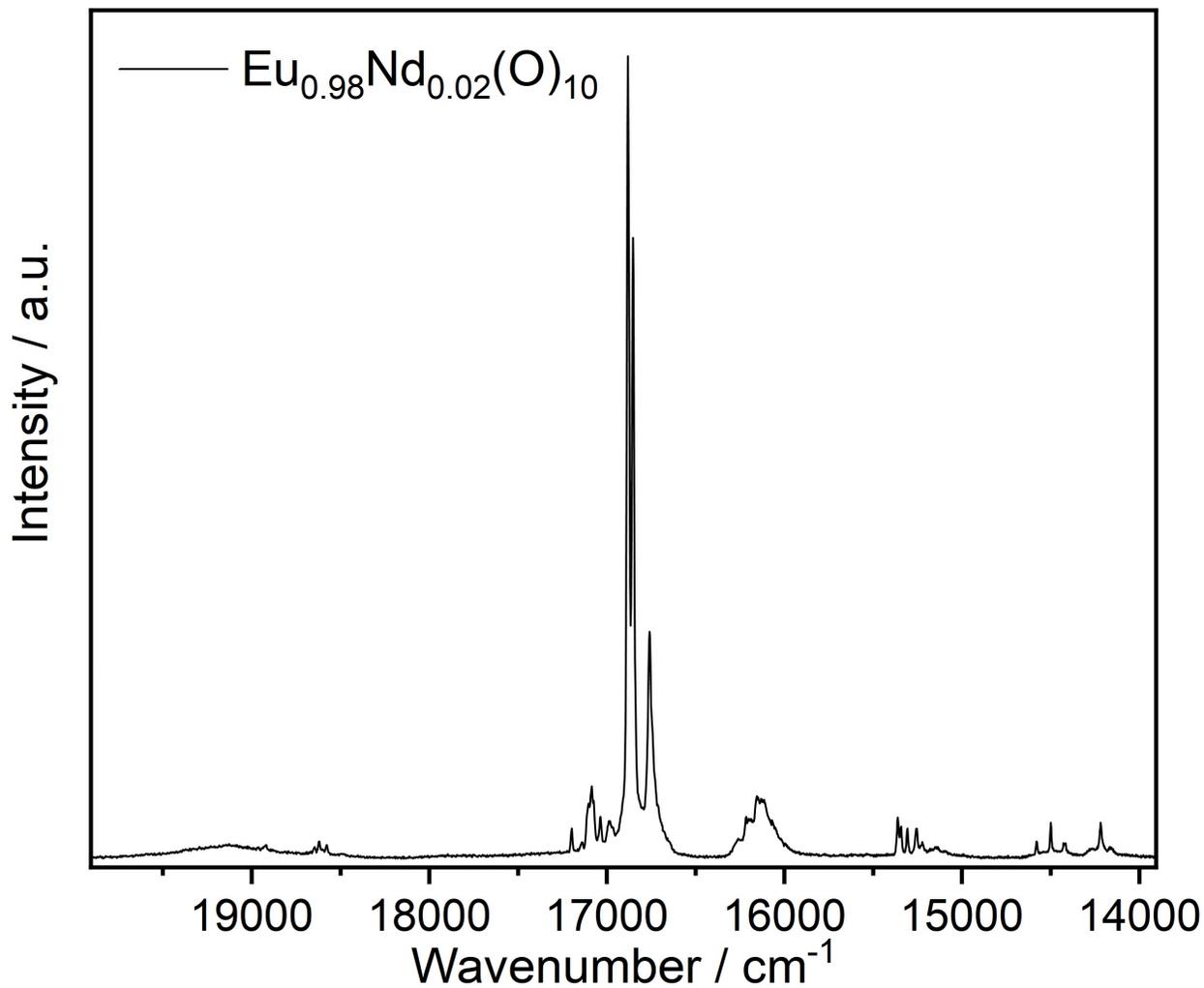


Figure S13. Emission spectrum  $\text{K}_5\text{Na}[(\text{Eu}_{0.98}\text{Nd}_{0.02})_2(\text{SO}_4)_6]$  powder in dimethyl tetrahydrofuran glass at 77K. Excitation slit = 1.0 nm.

## 8. Gaussian fits of the ${}^7F_1$ transition band

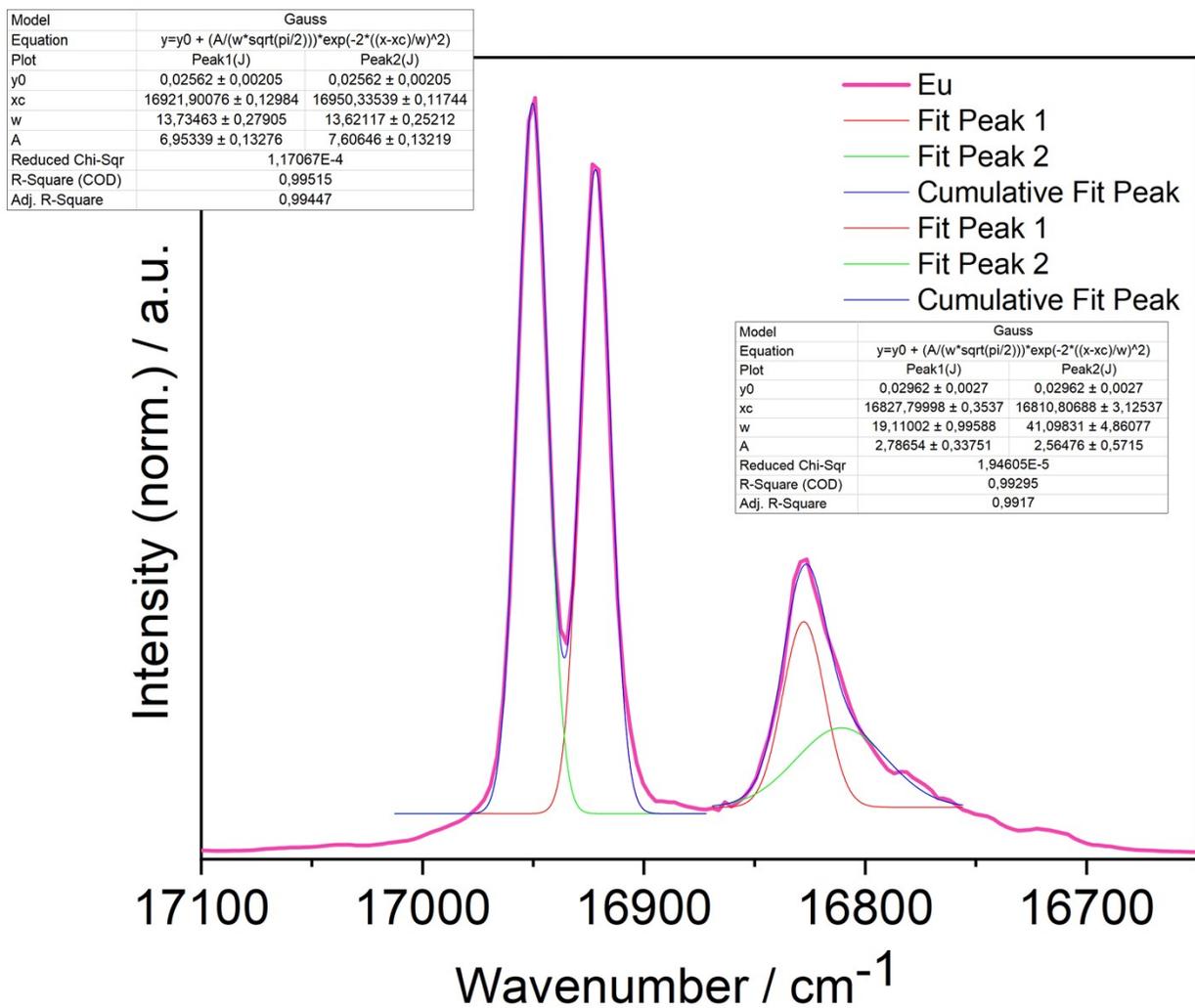


Figure S14. Gaussian fits of the  ${}^7F_1$  transition band in  $K_5Na[(Eu)_2(SO_4)_6]$ .

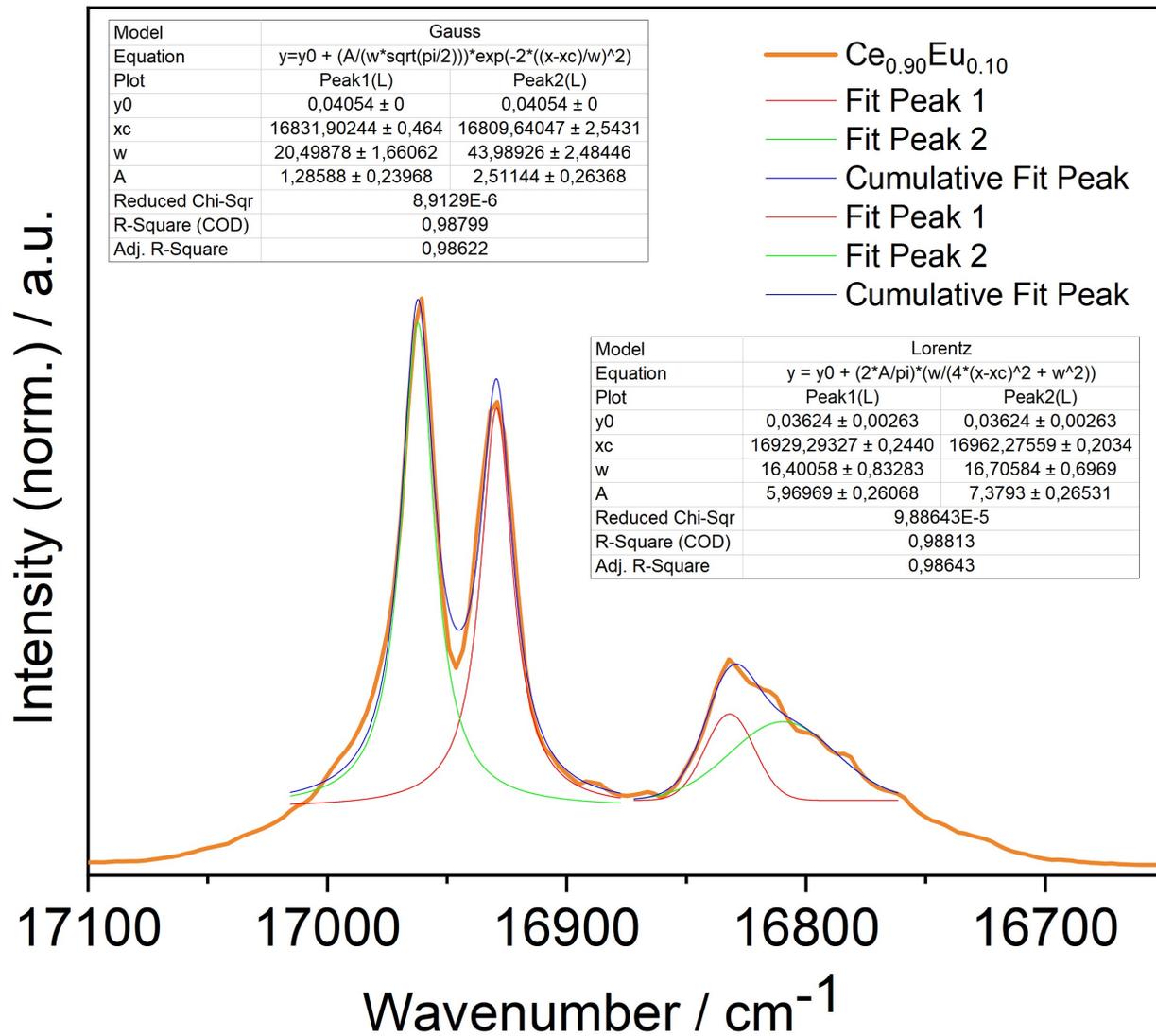


Figure S15. Gaussian fits of the  ${}^7F_1$  transition band in  $K_6[(Ce_{0.90}Eu_{0.10})_2(SO_4)_6]$ .

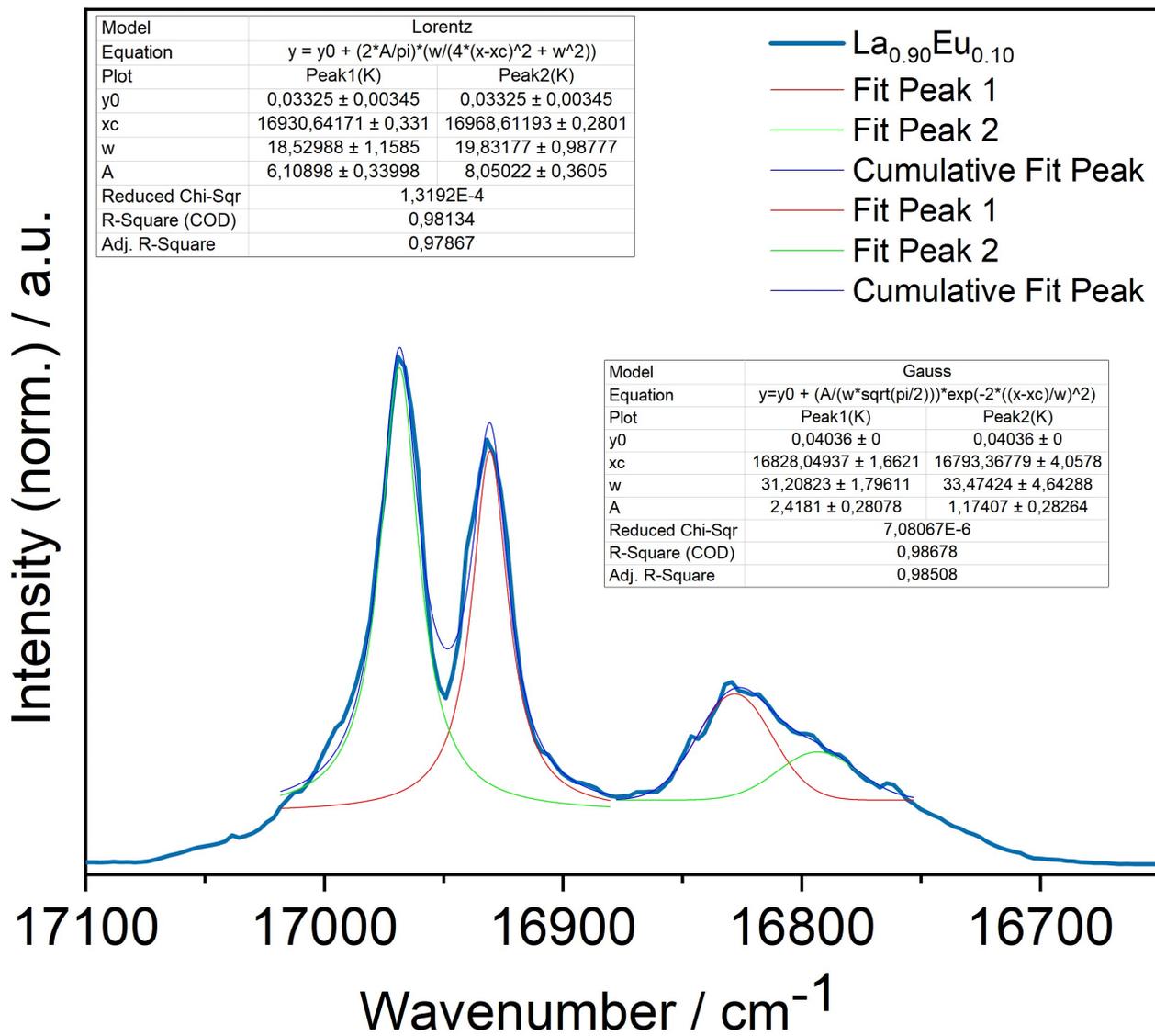


Figure S16. Gaussian fits of the  ${}^7F_1$  transition band in  $\text{K}_6[(\text{La}_{0.90}\text{Eu}_{0.10})_2(\text{SO}_4)_6]$ .

## 9. AlignIt $\sigma_{\text{ideal}}$ values in comparative scale of ten-vertex polyhedra

AlignIt is available for download at:

<https://github.com/AndyNano/AlignIt.git>

Table 1. Full comparative symmetry deviations  $\sigma_{\text{ideal}}$  for idealized ten-vertex polyhedra<sup>a,b</sup>

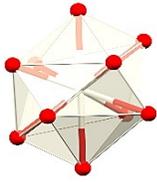
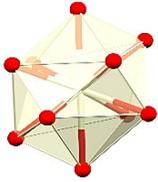
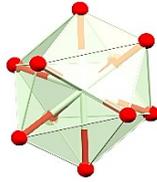
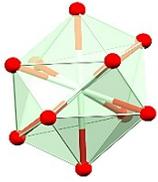
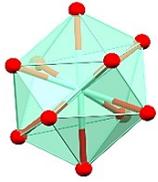
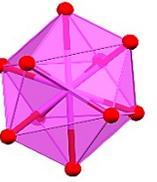
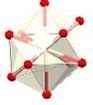
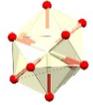
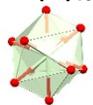
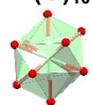
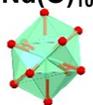
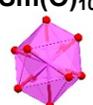
X\Z	bcSAP <i>D<sub>4d</sub></i>	bcDod <i>D<sub>2</sub></i>	SDod <i>D<sub>2</sub></i>	PP <i>D<sub>5h</sub></i>	PAP <i>D<sub>5d</sub></i>	OBPy <i>D<sub>8h</sub></i>
bcSAP	0	2.31	7.93	16.45	14.87	16.14
bcDod	2.31	0	10.48	14.95	8.62	14.26
SDod	7.93	10.48	0	10.76	13.97	24.17
PP	16.45	14.96	10.76	0	6.55	22.22
PAP	14.87	8.62	13.97	6.55	0	15.87
OBPy	16.14	14.26	24.17	22.22	15.88	0

<sup>a</sup> Coordinates for the SDod model are reported by Ruiz-Martínez *et al.*<sup>3</sup>. Coordinates for bcSAP, bcDod, PP, PAP and OBPy were created in Mercury (bcSAP and bcDod from description by Al-Karaghoulí *et al.*<sup>4,5</sup>). <sup>b</sup> Values in bold are calculated with AlignIt, and values in parenthesis are calculated using SHAPE by Lluenell *et al.*<sup>6</sup>

Calculated  $\sigma_{\text{ideal}}(Z - X)$  values are above the diagonal and  $\sigma_{\text{ideal}}(X - Z)$  are below the diagonal.

## 10.AlignIt $\sigma_{ideal}$ values in comparative scale of ten-vertex polyhedra<sup>a</sup>

Table S2  $\sigma_{ideal}$  values calculated with AlignIt with two decimal points

						
Size ratio	<b>La(O)<sub>10</sub></b> 1.0315	<b>Ce(O)<sub>10</sub></b> 1.0278	<b>Pr(O)<sub>10</sub></b> 1.0202	<b>Nd(O)<sub>10</sub></b> 1.0144	<b>Sm(O)<sub>10</sub></b> 1.0039	<b>Eu(O)<sub>10</sub></b> 1.0000
<b>Models</b>	<b><math>\sigma_{ideal}(\text{model} - \text{Ln}(\text{O})_{10})</math></b>					
	<b>1.64</b> 1.63	<b>1.68</b> 1.66	<b>1.45</b> 1.44	<b>1.40</b> 1.39	<b>1.22</b> 1.21	<b>1.15</b>
<b>bcSAP</b>						
	<b>3.77</b> 3.81	<b>3.84</b> 3.86	<b>5.85</b> 5.86	<b>3.57</b> 3.61	<b>3.41</b> 3.46	<b>5.29</b>
<b>bcDod</b>						
	<b>10.11</b> 10.19	<b>10.40</b> 10.54	<b>7.70</b> 7.90	<b>9.93</b> 10.11	<b>9.65</b> 9.86	<b>7.58</b>
<b>SDod</b>						
<b>Ln series</b>	<b><math>\sigma_{ideal}(\text{Ln}'(\text{O})_{10} - \text{Ln}(\text{O})_{10})</math></b>					
	<b>0</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>3.71</b>	<b>0.02</b>	<b>0.06</b>	<b>3.28</b>
<b>La(O)<sub>10</sub></b>						
	0.01	<b>0</b>	<b>3.77</b>	<b>0.02</b>	<b>0.07</b>	<b>3.31</b>
<b>Ce(O)<sub>10</sub></b>						
	3.72	3.78	<b>0</b>	<b>3.41</b>	<b>3.14</b>	<b>0.04</b>
<b>Pr(O)<sub>10</sub></b>						
	0.02	0.022	3.41	<b>0</b>	<b>0.02</b>	<b>2.97</b>
<b>Nd(O)<sub>10</sub></b>						
	0.06	0.07	3.15	0.018	<b>0</b>	<b>2.72</b>
<b>Sm(O)<sub>10</sub></b>						
	3.29	3.34	0.045	3.00	2.74	<b>0</b>
<b>Eu(O)<sub>10</sub></b>						

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